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CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD OF SIGNATURE IN ARTICLE 57 OF THE INTERNATIONAL NATURAL RUBBER AGREEMENT, 1995

Status of signatures, provisional applications, ratifications, acceptances and approvals of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995 was established by the United Nations Conference on Natural Rubber, 1994 on 17 February 1995 at Geneva. In accordance with its article 57, the Agreement was open for signature at United Nations Headquarters, from 3 April to 28 December 1995, inclusive, by the Governments invited to the United Nations Conference on Natural Rubber, 1994.

2. Article 61 of the Agreement states that it shall enter into force definitively on 29 December 1995 or on any date thereafter, if by that date Governments accounting for at least 80 per cent of net exports as set out in annex A to the Agreement, and Governments accounting for at least 80 per cent of net imports as set out in annex B to the Agreement, have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, or have assumed full financial commitment to the Agreement. The Agreement provides for provisional entry into force on that date, or any date before 1 January 1997, if Governments accounting for at least 75 per cent of net exports as set out in annex A to the Agreement, and Governments accounting for at least 75 per cent of net imports as set out in annex B to the Agreement, have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval, or have notified the depositary under paragraph 1 of article 60 that they will apply the Agreement provisionally and assume full financial commitment to the Agreement.

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3. The following tables contain information on the status of signatures, provisional applications, ratifications, acceptances and approvals, and information on shares of individual exporting and importing countries in total net exports and total net imports of countries as set out in annexes A and B to the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995.

Signatures, provisional applications, ratifications, acceptances and approvals, and shares of individual exporting countries in total net exports of natural rubber as of 26 February 1996

Exporting Country	Signature	Percentages of net exports in annex A	Notification of provisional application	Ratification, Acceptance (A), or Approval (AA)	Percentages of net exports counting for provisional entry into force
Indonesia	28 December 1995	31.108			
Malaysia	27 December 1995	27.971			
Sri Lanka	8 December 1995	2.096			
Thailand	28 December 1995	33.208			
TOTAL		94.383			

Signatures, provisional applications, ratifications, acceptances and approvals, and shares of individual importing countries and groups of countries in total net imports of natural rubber as of 26 February 1996

Importing country	Signature	Percentages of net imports in annex B	Notification of provisional application	Ratification, Acceptance (A), or Approval (AA)	Percentages of net imports counting for provisional entry into force
European Community	22 December 1995	(26.968)*			
Austria	22 December 1995	0.723			
Belgium	22 December 1995	1.535			
Denmark	22 December 1995	0.067			
Finland	22 December 1995	0.221			
France	28 December 1995	5.559			
Germany	22 December 1995	6.437			
Greece	22 December 1995	0.276	22 December 1995		.276
Ireland	22 December 1995	0.224			
Italy	22 December 1995	3.754			
Luxembourg	22 December 1995	•			
Netherlands	22 December 1995	0.321			
Spain	21 December 1995	3.397	21 December 1995		3.397
Sweden	22 December 1995	0.292			
United Kingdom	22 December 1995	3.923			
Japan	19 December 1995	21.694		19 December 1995 (A)	21.694
TOTAL		48.423*			25.367

• The share of Luxembourg is included with the share of Belgium

* The percentage for the European Community includes the percentage for Portugal. However, the total for all countries which have signed the Agreement does not include Portugal since it has not yet signed the Agreement.